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## Gang Member Sentenced for Brandishing Replica Gun at Police

A South Los Angeles man was sentenced today to three years and six months in state prison for brandishing a replica gun at a police officer in an incident that led to an officer-involved shooting, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Lina Cohen said Judier Anthony Ruiz, 20, pleaded no contest on March 23 to one felony count of brandishing a replica gun in case BA455328.

Ruiz admitted also an allegation that the crimes were committed in association with the Playboys criminal street gang.

On March 9, Ruiz was brandishing what appeared to be a gun at a motorist near Avalon Boulevard and 49<sup>th</sup> Street, the prosecutor said. The victim informed Los Angeles police officers who then began chasing the defendant, the prosecutor added.

Ruiz then pulled out what turned out to be a replica gun, causing an officer-involved shooting, prosecutors said. The defendant was not injured.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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